

## REMARKS

Claim 10 has been canceled without prejudice as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 8 and 9 have been amended to replace the text “may be” with “are”. This revision overcomes the rejection lodged under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-9 remain in the application.

Claims 1-9 were rejected as being drawn to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is traversed in view of the amendments above, and the arguments below.

As the Examiner will appreciate, claim 1 specifies that the method being claimed is computer implemented, and is therefore related to the technological arts. Further, the Examiner indicates that the claim recites a “useful, concrete and tangible result”. As the Examiner will recognize, the invention utilizes a computer for categorization of the e-mails. This is discussed specifically on pages 29 and 30 where a distinction between humans doing the categorizing and computers doing the categorizing is discussed specifically. Thus, it appears that the only issue outstanding is the recitation of “a computer” in the body of the claims (the “computer” being an example of a technological apparatus). Support for this can be found in the application at least at page 11, lines 9-12, where it is stated “Supervised learning technology 200 requires a “training set” 211 of representations of previously categorized electronic communications to enable a computer to induce patterns that allow it to categorize future incoming electronic messages” (emphasis added). Therefore, to overcome this rejection, certain of the steps have been modified in independent claims 1 and 8. For example, in claim 1, steps g and h specify the use of a computer for performing the step. Reference is made to the last paragraph on page 20, and the 21, as well as to Figures 5 and 3, of the application, wherein a computer program is used to convert the labeled data and to induce a categorizer for the categorization scheme. Similarly, in claim 8, the step of developing an initial categorization scheme has been amended to require use of a computer. Further, the extraction step, which is implemented on a

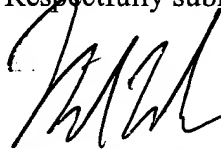
computer, now specifies the use of a computer.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered, that claims 1-9 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully submitted,



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